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SUBSTANCE"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to copending United States application Serial Number 10/725,303, owned by the same assignee as the present application. That copending application was filed on the same date as the present application, and is waiting examination in Group Art Unit 3739. Claims 2-7 of the present application, which are dependent claims, generally correspond to claims 2-7 of the copending application, but claim 2 in that copending application is an independent claim. Accordingly, the respective sets of claims of the two copending applications are patentably distinct.

Applicants assume the Examiner has access to this copending application, and therefore have not burdened the present file with a duplicate copy. If the Examiner nevertheless would prefer that a copy be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned representative of the Applicants, and a copy will be submitted.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Submitted by,

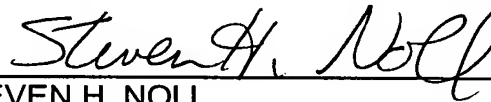
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